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FROM PAGANELLI EMBASSY DOHA

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SUBJ: GOQ PORT DEVELOPMENT PLANS

1. WELL-INFORMED GOQ SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING SHORT AND LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT OF PORT FACILITIES IN QATAR. TO HANDLE PRESENT VOLUME OF SHIPPING (THERE IS A 5-7 DAY WAITING PERIOD FOR GENERAL CARGO VESSELS AT DOHA), A FOUR BERTH EXTENSION TO THE PRESENT JETTY WILL BE BUILT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ALREADY OPERATING IN THE GULF AREA WILL BE SELECTED BY DIRECT NEGOTIATION AND THE PROJECT WILL NOT BE OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL TENDER.

2. TO MEET LONG TERM NEEDS OF COUNTRY, GOQ IS CONSIDERING EITHER FURTHER EXPANSION OF EXISTING FACILITIES, OR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PORT IN DOHA OR OTHER LOCATION. GOVERNMENT WISHES TO HAVE FOREIGN CONSULTANT CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDY, EVALUATE FUTURE REQUIREMENTS OF COUNTRY AND DRAW UP PORT PLAN FOR QATAR.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST COMMERCE CONTACT US CONSULTANTS WITH EXPERIENCE IN PORT FEASIBILITY PLANNING AND NOTIFY THEM OF OPPORTUNITY. ANY INTERESTED FIRMS SHOULD CONTACT EMBASSY DOHA.

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